Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There are 2 temporary posts of Executive Engineers, 7 temporary posts of Sub-Division Officers and 34 temporary posts of Section Officers in the erstwhile Travancore P.W.D.

(*d*) That can be considered only when the posts are made permanent. Ordinarily they cannot get confirmation with retrospective effect.

(*e*) The criterion accepted for deciding relative seniority is date of commencement of continuous service in the same or similar class or cadre of posts.

RESIGNATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

***619.** [55] **Sri. N. P. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Vice-Chancellor Mr. Nandan Menon resigned his post;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for his resignation;

(*c*) who is in-charge of the Vice-Chancellor's duties now?

Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have not been informed of the reasons.

(*c*) Sri. P. R. Parameswara Panikkar, Registrar.

EDUCATION

***620.** [56] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have drawn up a scheme for the spread of basic education in the State and if so what amount has been allotted for the same for the year 1951-1952;

(*b*) whether the Government will be prepared to train more teachers in the existing centres in the next April and May;

(*c*) the number of teachers trained for imparting basic education and how they are going to be utilised; and

(*d*) whether the Government intends to give better salary to the teachers trained in basic education?

Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) No. There is no scheme for training for 2 months. At present a course for 90 working days has been adopted for the Basic Training School, Cherpu.

(*c*) 57 teachers are being trained. Their services are proposed to be utilised when Basic Schools are opened.

(*d*) Government will consider this.

BASIC EDUCATION

***621.** [57] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of centres in this State where training in basic education is given and whether they are all sponsored by Government or by private agencies; and

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(*b*) the number of basic schools run by private agencies and the nature of aid, if any, given to them by Government?

Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) One centre. It is sponsored by Government.

(*b*) Four. Two of them are getting grants from Government at the rate of Rs. 30+20 per teacher. The other two are unaided.

RAILWAY

***622.** [58] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the preliminary survey has been completed by the Government of India for extending the railway line from Ernakulam to the Shencottah-Trivandrum line and if so the route fixed upon for the same; and

(*b*) whether the proposed line is a broad gauge one?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) The survey of the proposed Quilon-Ernakulam Railway has not yet been finished; the alignment of the line can be known only after the survey is completed.

(*b*) The Government of India have not yet decided whether the line should be a broad gauge or meter gauge one.

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*നമ്പർ. (നമ്പർ ഠ) ശ്രീ. എൻ. കെ. കൃഷ്ണപിള്ള: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മരാമത്തുവകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സഭയിൽ മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

നെയ്യാർ ഡാം പദ്ധതി ഏതുത്തോളം പുരോഗമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും കഴിഞ്ഞ അസംബ്ലി സമ്മേളനത്തിനു ശേഷം ഇതിന്റെ പുരോഗമനത്തിനു എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും പറയുമോ?

ചീഫ് മിനിസ്റ്റർ (ശ്രീ. സി. കേശവൻ): നെയ്യാർ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ നടന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. അണകെട്ടുന്നതിനും തോടുകൾ വെട്ടുന്നതിനുമുള്ള ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ പൂർത്തിയായി. പദ്ധതിക്കു ആവശ്യമായ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് തയ്യാർ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

SEVENTY-FEET ROAD IN ERNAKULAM

***624.** [63] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have started work to tar or coat or otherwise deal with the surface of the 70′ road in Ernakulam;

(*b*) how long it would take to coat the whole length of the 70′ road;

(*c*) what would it cost?

(*d*) what is the total length of the 70′ road.

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Yes. The work of bitumen semi-grouting the I Section of the road has been taken up.

(*b*) The work of semi-grouting the I Section is expected to be completed before 31st March 1951. The II Section can be semi-grouted only one or two years after it has been completed.

(*c*) The estimated cost of the above work is Rs. 98,000.

(*d*) 14,408 ft.

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